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SUBJ: "AUTONOMOUS TURKISH WING OF FEDERATIVE CYPRIOT STATE"

1. SUMMARY. TURKISH PLANS TO DECLARE AUTONOMY UNDER FEDERAL UMBRELLA. TCPA LEADER INDICATES COMPROMISE POSSIBLE ON TERRITORY, WITH TURK CYPRIOTS ACCEPTING 33 PERCENT OF ISLAND. NOTES LACK OF COORDINATION BETWEEN CIVILIANS AND MILITARY. TOUGH POSITION ON POPULATION EXCHANGE BUT SOME SIGN OF ROOM FOR NEGOTIATION. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING COURSE SEPTEMBER 3 CONVERSATION, NECDET UNEL, PRESIDENT TURK CYPRIOT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT PLANS WERE UNDERWAY TO DECLARE "AUTONOMOUS TURKISH WING OF FEDERATIVE CYPRIOT STATE" WITHIN "NEXT FEW DAYS OR WEEKS."

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IMPLICATION WAS THAT THIS WOULD OCCUR BEFORE UNGA. UNEL SAID

TURK CYPRIOTS COULD NO LONGER ALLOW ROSSIDES TO SPEAK BEFORE
WORLD BODY AS IF HE REPRESENTED WHOLE ISLAND.

3. AMBASSADOR REBUTTED THAT TURKEY AND TURK CYPRIOTS SHOULD
CONSIDER ANY SUCH ACTION VERY CAREFULLY. FIRST, TURK
CYPRIOTS WOULD BE UNLIKELY RECEIVE MUCH SUPPORT IN NEW YORK
AND A HEAVY VOTE AGAINST THEIR CAUSE COULD PROVE EMBARRASSING.
UNEL DISCLAIMED ANY INTENTION OF SEEKING REPRESENTATION;
SAID TURK CYPRIOTS WOULD SIMPLY PROCLAIM THEIR AUTONOMOUS STATUS
(PHRASE ALREADY IN COMMON USE IN TCPA LEXICON).

4. SECOND, AMBASSADOR TOLD UNEL THAT UNILATERAL MOVE OF THIS
NATURE WOULD WORK AGAINST EFFORTS TO GET GENUINE NEGOTIATING
PROCESS UNDERWAY. EMPHASIZED DELICATE INTERNAL POSITIONS BOTH
CLERIDES AND KARAMANLIS AND STRESSED THAT TURKISH SIDE WOULD HAVE
TO MAKE SOME MEANINGFUL CONCESSION TO ALLOW THESE GREEK LEADERS
RETURN TO BARGAINING TABLE. UNEL AGREED THAT, FROM TURK CYPRIOT
POINT OF VIEW, CLERIDES AND KARAMANLIS ARE BEST POSSIBLE GREEK
LEADERS IN SIGHT.

5. HAVING IN MIND WALDHEIM PROPOSAL, AMBASSADOR ASKED WHETHER TO
GET NEGOTIATIONS GOING TURKS COULD ACCEPT SOME GREEK CYPRIOT
REFUGEE RETURN TO AREAS SOUTH OF ATTLA LINE (HOWEVER DEFINED)
AND TO NEW FAMAGUSTA, UNDER UNFICYP PROTECTION, AS TRADE-OFF
FOR GOG RETREAT FROM DEMAND THAT TURKISH RETURN TO AUGUST 9 LINE.

6. UNEL AGREED THAT COMPROMISE SIMILAR TO THIS WOULD BE
NECESSARY BUT FELT IT SHOULD BE POSTPONED FOR "SOME MONTHS."
AMBASSADOR ARGUED THAT THIS DELAY WOULD PRESENT VERY REAL DANGER
TO TURKISH INTERESTS. LONGER NEGOTIATIONS DELAYED, GREATER
DIFFICULTY CLERIDE SHALL
HAVE IN MAINTAINING POWER. ALSO NOTED
THAT DELAY WOULD TEND TO SOLIDIFY POSITIONS AND MAKE SOLUTION MORE
DIFFICULT. UNEL AGREED.

7. UNEL NOTED THAT TURKISH ARMY HAD "PERHAPS" GONE TOO FAR.
SAID TURKEY HAS NO INTENTION OF HOLDING ON TO "41 PERCENT" OF
ISLAND; STATED TURK CYPRIOTS WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH "33 OR
34 PERCENT." OFFERED COMPLICATED, BUT FAMILIAR, ARGUMENTS ON
WHY THIS DEMAND JUSTIFIED. UNEL CLAIMED THAT HE OPPOSED RETENTION
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ANY PORTION OF GREEK SECTION OF FAMAGUSTA. IN EVENT SETTLEMENT,
THIS SHOULD BE GIVEN BACK. WHILE ACCEPTING AMBASSADOR'S
ARGUMENT THAT MOVE SUCH AS THIS MIGHT PROVE KEY TO GETTING
NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY, UNEL RESISTED CONCEPT THAT TURKS MIGHT
CONSIDER MAKING UNILATERAL GESTURE. (COMMENT: FOR MILITANT UNEL
ABOVE WAS VERY MODERATE PERFORMANCE.)

8. ON OTHER ISSUES, UNEL NOTED SOME LACK OF COORDINATION BETWEEN

MILITARY AND CIVILIANS ON TURKISH SIDE; EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CIVILIANS (AND HE INCLUDED TURKISH EMBASSY) WOULD SOON BE BACK IN CHARGE. AS EXAMPLE MILITARY EXCESSES, UNEL CITED COMMANDER IN YIALOUSA VILLAGE (KARPAS), WHO EXECUTED GREEK CYPRIOT CIVIL LEADER FOR DESECRATING TURKISH FLAG AND SENT AWAY REMAINDER OF VILLAGERS. (PREVIOUS REPORT FROM YIALOUSA HAD INDICATED THIS ONE VILLAGE WHERE TURKISH MILITARY BEHAVING PROPERLY.)

9. UNEL WAS INSISTENT ON EXCHANGE OF POPULATIONS. SEEMED CONVINCED BRITISH WOULD SEND 12,000 TURK CYPRIOTS LOCATED IN SBA'S (WE UNDERSTAND THERE ARE ONLY 6500) TO EITHER UK OR TURKEY IN NEXT FEW WEEKS. FROM THERE, IT WOULD BE EASY MATTER RETURN THEM TO CYPRUS VIA KYRENIA. ESTIMATED THERE ANOTHER 36,000 TURK CYPRIOTS IN GREEK CYPRIOT CONTROLLED TERRITORY. THESE WOULD BE EXCHANGED FOR 28,000 GREEKS IN TURKISH OCCUPIED AREA.

10. AMBASSADOR ARGUED THAT POPULATION EXCHANGE MIGHT BE INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE IF VOLUNTARY, BUT WOULD FURTHER TARNISH TURKISH PUBLIC IMAGE IF IT DECLARED POLICY. UNEL, CONFIDENT ALMOST ALL TURKS WOULD MOVE NORTH, SEEMED TO TAKE POINT. AGREED FUTURE BEHAVIOR OF BOTH COMMUNITIES MIGHT BE IMPROVED BY HAVING SOME OF THEIR COMPATRIOTS IN EACH OTHER'S AREA.

11. COMMENT: THINK THREAT TO DECLARE AUTONOMOUS STATUS FOR TURK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION REAL AND WILL PURSUE ABOVE ARGUMENTS WITH DENKTASH AND GOT AMBASSADOR INHAN. DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY ANKARA SHOULD BE PREPARED WEIGH IN QUICKLY IF THIS GETS MUCH FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD. UNEL APPEARED RECOGNIZE POTENTIAL DANGER THIS POLICY, BUT SUSPECT MOST SHOTS BEING CALLED FROM ANKARA. TURKS SHOULD REALIZE THAT FURTHER HUMILIATION OF GREEKS AND GREEK CYPRIOTS IS NOT THE WAY TO GET THE OPPOSITION TO BARGAIN.

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